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As a long time 38 yr WY resident, I am disturbed to see the BLM considering allowing drilling in the established core sage grouse areas. Easy question: why were these areas established? The answer: to protect sage grouse. So the question for the BLM is: why are you even considering allowing it in these core areas? I know this is the era of Trump and Zinke, and do whatever the hell you want on my public land, but, don't forget why these areas were established in the first place. Keep oil and gas off them!